Decoration Day.

So our children have gathered more flow'rs
in the glen,
Or in natur's green meadow where gay
fancy led;
And have wreathed us fresh garlands of
beauty again
To be tenderly laid on the mounds of our
dead.

We have come here today with the last buds
of Spring,
That each heart may receive a sweet comfort from all;
For the whole soul of nature her goodness
doth bring
When she gives back the glory she took
in the Fall.

Year by year the old forests in splendor unfold,
Fall asleep to await resurrection's bright
morn;
Year by year their magnificent wealth they
unfold,
Of luxuriant treasures which ages have
borne.

In the end thus eternity opens her tomb,
And the cold, silent dead into life spring
anew;
But the lilies of whiteness which over them
bloom
Can exceed ne'er in brightness the righteous and true.

One by one they are going, the friends of our
youth;
Whom we loved well in sorrow, in gladness, and mirth;
They have gone out alone like the fair widow
Ruth,
But return nevermore until bidden of
earth.

And we, too, must pass onward to leave room
behind
For those coming to enter the battle of
life—
They are here, and already to them is assigned
The same place we defend in the great
mortal strife.

Every nation is chanting the deeds of her
brave,
While from city and village ascends the
sweet lay;
Yet there's many a hero as still in his grave
By the side of whom no one is singing today.

Unto these we have given our tenderest
song;
For they lived, loved, and fought, nobly
died in the right;
But their praise is unsung by the world's
anxious throng
Ever fervently lauding victorious height.

All alone weeps a mother upon the damp
mold
For her poor soldier boy who left early his
play;
He the only dead lamb of that once happy
fold
Lies unknown and unwept in a land far
away.

Unto her we have given our bitterest tears
For the child of her love, who in battle was
slain,
That her heart may be comforted through
the long years,
In the name of our Lord, who has suffered
all pain.

As we stand here today with the gravestones in sight,
Gazing dreamily out where our comrades
lie still,
We are thinking of charges they made with
their might
In the midst of the bullets, on up the steep
hill.

Unto these we have given our choicest of
flow'rs;
While their memory lingers around the
hearthstone,
Where the children are listening through
many loved hours
To the tales of their past, of the days that
are flown.

When each nation takes nation in love by
the hand
With a fond, clinging grasp she will never
release,
Then the darkness of battle will flee from
our land,
And we'll live in perpetual sunlight of
peace.

Let the roses we scatter on graves of the
Blue
Ne'er excel those we weave 'round the
tombs of the Gray,
That the flash of the cannon may fade
from our view,
And its wild piercing thunders roll far, far
away.

Let us weep with the many who weep everywhere
For their fathers and sons being killed in
the war,
Then the wail of our orphans will die on the
air,
And our mother's long weeping and
watchings be o'er.

When the trumpet has sounded to quicken
the dead,
And the millions come forth who have
died by the sword,
Truly blessed are they unto whom it is said,
Come and enter thou into the joy of thy
Lord.

M. M. STERLING.

May 30, 1889.

As an oak-tree's roots are strengthened by its shadow, so all defeats in a good cause are but resting-places on the road to victory at last.—Charles Sumner.

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I have in my possession several responses to my inquiries in a recent No. of the EVANGELIST. 'If it is true.' All will receive respectful attention as soon as convenient. One of them, though written with courtesy, is anonymous. The writer signs himself 'B,' and does not give his address. As soon as he will give his name and address I will answer. The Editor will not publish anonymous articles, and I think he is about right. Let every writer father his child. It seems strange that the defender of the mystic should give such opposite answers. But they do. 'B' refers to one thing which I fear is but too true. According to his statement the lodges are more fraternal than the churches, especially in a practical sense. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. True Christianity means the sublimest height of fraternal love. John teaches that we should love even unto death for each other, if need be. If evangelical love characterized the churches today, we would have little trouble about secret societies among Christians.

When I notice the lack of love 'in deed and in truth' I am enabled to sympathize with the weeping Prophet in ancient Israel when lamenting and weeping over the degeneracy of his people. O Love, thou child of Divinity, how inhumanely art thou repulsed, even by those who claim close relationship with thee. O brethren, 'awake to righteousness' and 'agree with thine adversary quickly whilst thou art in the way with him, lest he overcome thee.' Adversaries are using their advantage; why should we let them have any? There are a great many evils of the world for which professors of religion are to blame. I sometimes fear that under the scathing testimony of the men of Ninevah and the queen of the south many people will fall. No people ought to have greater love for each other than the Brethren. We are professedly a gospel alone people, and the very foundation of the gospel is LOVE—SELF-SACRIFICING, PRACTICAL LOVE. Where gospel love rules, church legislation is out of the question. Love needs no ruler. It is the highest power in the universe, for 'God is love.' Let this truth be recognized evangelically and Solomon's description of the church will be realized in all its fullness, and 'terrible as an army of banners' will the church go forth unto conquest. Nothing else will then be needed. Every other structure will then crumble. Love enthroned in the universe controls it. Love enthroned in the heart will control the whole man. The same is true of the home, society, the church, etc. Oh, what a glorious time will that be when love shall mount the throne in politics.

'Hasten, Lord, the glorious time,
When beneath Messiah's sway,
Every nation, every clime,
Shall the gospel's call obey.'

God is love because he is good. When we become good by doing 'good unto all men, especially to them of the household of faith' we will have no use for anything else.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

May 29, 1889.

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TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:

The various medical associations and the medical profession will be glad to learn that DR. JOHN S. BILLINGS, Surgeon U. S. Army, has consented to take charge of the Report on the Mortality and Vital Statistics of the United States as returned by the Eleventh Census.

As the United States has no system of registration of vital statistics, such as is relied upon by other civilized nations for the purpose of ascertaining the actual movement of population, our census affords the only opportunity of obtaining near an approximate estimate of the birth and death rates of much the largest part of the country, which is entirely unprovided with satisfactory system of State and municipal registration.

In view of this, the Census Office, during the month of May this year, will issue to the medical profession throughout the country 'Physician's Registers' for the purpose of obtaining more accurate returns of deaths than it is possible for the enumerators to make. It is earnestly hoped that physicians in every part of the country will co-operate with the Census Office in this important work. The record should be kept from June 8, 1889, to May 31, 1890. Nearly 26,000 of these registration books were filled up and returned to the office in 1880, and nearly all of them used for statistical purposes. It is hoped that double this number will be obtained for the Eleventh Census.

Physicians not receiving Registers can obtain them by sending their names and addresses to the Census Office, and, with the Register, an official envelope which requires no stamp will be provided for their return to Washington.

If all medical and surgical practitioners throughout the country will lend their aid, the mortality and vital statistics of the Eleventh Census will be more comprehensive and complete than they have ever been. Every physician should take a personal pride in having this report as full and accurate as it is possible to make it.

It is hereby promised that all information obtained through this source shall be held strictly confidential.

It is equally important to the country that the returns in relation to farm products and live stock should be full and correct. The enumerator in the house to house visit he will make during the month of June, 1890, is constantly met with the fact that farmers keep no books and hence returns are not infrequently guess work. The census year begins June 1st next and ends May 31st, 1890. If farmers throughout the country would note this fact and keep account of the products of their farms during the census year it would be of material aid in securing reliable returns for the Eleventh Census.

ROBERT P. PORTER,
Superintendent of Census.

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